

IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM

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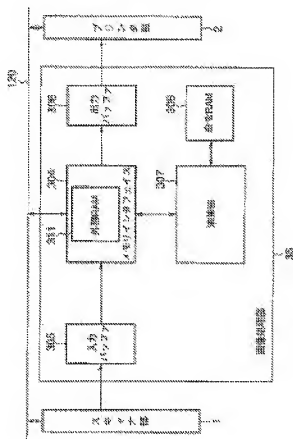
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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an image processing device which enables a user to use its sophisticated image edit function at a reasonable cost or a reasonable running cost and to install an extended image processing function in addition without the need for any additional hardware.

SOLUTION: In the image processing device such as a digital color/ monochromatic copying machine that reads a color or monochromatic image to form its copy image, a basic image processing section that realizes a basic copy function and an extended image processing section that conducts image edit and adjustment or the like are realized respectively by software programs. Furthermore, the basic image processing function and all image edit functions are mounted to the image processing device from the beginning of all models. However, all the extended image processing functions such as image edit are not available for all users and the image processing device has a use control means by which a function desired by a user is made available after obtaining permission through a password or the like.



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